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SUBJECT: MOSCOW RADIO COMMENTARY ON EASTERN MBFR PROPOSAL

FOR USDEL MBFR

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST OF
NOVEMBER 29 IN CZECH/SLOVAK TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS PICKED
UP IN FBIS WHICH PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT
EASTERN MBFR PROPOSAL:

" ALMOST A MONTH HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE
VIENNA TALKS ON REDUCING ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN CENTRAL
EUROPE. WHAT RESULTS WILL THIS MONTH SEE? OUR CORRES-
PONDENT (VLADIMIR KOVALEV) REPORTS FROM THE AUSTRIAN
CAPITAL: IT IS KNOWN FROM CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE TALKS
THE DELEGATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE SUB-
MITTED A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR AN AGREEMENT ON REDUCING
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ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THUS THEY HAVE

CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THEY INTENDED TO ACCORD THE VIENNA TALKS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE CHARACTER AND TO CHANNEL THEM INTO (WORD INDISTINCT) OF PRACTICAL COORDINATION OF MEASURES TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FORCES.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WOULD MEAN A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN THE CURRENT HIGH LEVEL OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN THE CENTER OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE STRICTLY OBSERVED. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' PROPOSAL IS THAT A REDUCTION IN EQUAL PROPORTION AND PERCENTAGE WOULD AFFECT THE ENTIRE COMPLEX OF FOREIGN AND NATIONAL ARMED FORCES AND ARMS WHICH ARE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT AND THE WARSAW TREATY IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THIS MEANS THAT THE MEASURES FOR A REDUCTION IN ARMED FORCES AND ARMS WOULD APPLY TO LAND FORCES, MILITARY AIR FORCES AND ARMS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ENVISAGES THAT A REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMS OF NATO AND OF THE WARSAW TREATY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN 1975 BASED ON EQUAL NUMBERS: 22,000 MEN ON EACH SIDE, WITH THE CORRESPONDING ARMS AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT. IN 1976, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE AGREEMENT WOULD REDUCE THEIR FORCES AND ARMS BY 5 PERCENT, AND IN 1977 BY A FURTHER 10 PERCENT. THE PROGRAM OF REDUCTIONS IN ARMED FORCES AND ARMS WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ACCORDS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE AGREEMENT AN EQUAL POSITION.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS IDEA WOULD PRESERVE THE EXISTING PROPORTION OF NATO AND WARSAW TREATY FORCES IN THE AREA, BUT WITH A LOWER LEVEL OF FORCES AND ARMS.

AS IS KNOWN THE LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN COUNTRIES STRESSED MANY TIMES OVER SEVERAL YEARS THAT THE EXISTING BALANCE OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE INSURES A CERTAIN STABILITY OF THE SITUATION. U.S. DEP. SECRETARY OF STATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KENNETH RUSH SAID TO THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT CONTROL THAT NATO HAS AT ITS DISPOSAL IN CENTRAL EUROPE ALMOST THE SAME FORCES AS THE WARSAW TREATY.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE VIENNA TALKS? THEIR ROLE IS TO INCREASE THE SECURITY OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND THUS ALSO OF EUROPE AND THE WHOLE WORLD. THANKS TO A REDUCTION OF MILITARY CONCENTRATIONS THE POSSIBILITY WOULD

BE CREATED TO SUPPORT POLITICAL RELAXATION WITH A MILITARY
ONE.

THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AT THE
VIENNA TALKS FULLY CORRESPONDS TO THIS ROLE." KISSINGER

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